(c) While non-public sector oil units are reported to be selling multi-grade 20—50 oils at prices ranging upto Rs. 130/- and above per 5 litre tin, the selling prices of this type of grade oil by the public sector units range between Rs. 80 and Rs. 95.75 per 5 litre tin, (exclusive of local taxes);

(d) The production of SAE 50 grade engine oil during the last 3 years by the Public Sector Oil Companies (IOC, HPC and BPC) was as under:

Year	Quantity (Kls)
1984-85	10456
1985-86	12672
1986-87	9438

As stated above, no serious shortage of SAE Grade Engine Oil has been reported. The production is by and large in line with the demand.

Period of Immobility of Sagar Pragati Rig

2274. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Questions 197 and 901 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 9th November and 16th November, 1987 respectively and state:

(a) for how long period the 'Sagar Pragati' was immobilised;

(b) what was the total amount paid for charter hire of a jack up rig during the period the rig Sagar Pragati was immobilised;

(c) from whom the jack up rig was hired; and

(d) what is the cost of the back up rig?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) The rig 'Sagar Pragti' remained out of operation from 17th April, 1985 to 30th September, 1987.

(b) and (c) Hire charges for one jack up rig for the period Sagar Pragati was not in operation would work out to be US $ 15.57 million approximately. During this period eleven jack up rigs were on charter hire with the ONGC on the West Coast from different parties.

(d) The present cost of a jack up rig would be $ 40 million approximately.

Clearance of Petroleum complex Project

2275. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state.

(a) whether Petroleum Complex Project has been under consideration of the Government, if so, since when and what are the factors which are coming in the way of its clearance with details about the place, date of clearance financial out lay of the project, type of the management etc.,

(b) whether it its likely to be set up in private State or Joint Sector: and

(c) whether the letter of intent issued is to be converted into industrial licence and what are the further stages of progress in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Survey conducted by FICCI on cost overruns in Industry

2276. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of a survey conducted by the Federation

of Indian Chamber of Commerce and Industry indicating that there were cost overruns ranging from 100 per cent to 400 percent in units of various large scale industries between 1970 and 1980;

(b) what were the main reasons for such large increase in the cost overruns; and

(c) what steps Government have taken to contain the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNCHALAM): (a) to (c) Government is not aware of any recent survey conducted by Federation of Indian Chamber Commerce and Industry to study cost overruns.

Import of Crude Oil

2277. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY:
PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are likely to pay Rs. 3,450/- crores for the import of crude oil for the current year, i.e. Rs. 1,400/- crores more than last year due to the increase in crude oil prices in the international market:

(b) whether the increase in crude oil price in the international market in the current year will lead to increase the prices of petrol and diesel in the country; and

(c) if so, what will be the total amount of increase in the current year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) As per estimates, crude oil is likely to be imported at an estimated value of Rs. 3175 crores during the year 1987-88. The value of crude oil imports during the year 1986-87 was about Rs. 2058 crores.

(b) and (c) Under the administered pricing policy for petroeum products, the prices are not generally revised with changes in international prices of crude oil. There is no proposal at present to revise the prices of petrol and diesel.

Complaints against petrol pump dealers

2278. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of complaints received against the malpractices of petrol pump dealers in the country during the last two years, Statewise/Union Territory-wise; and

(b) the nature of these malpractices and details of action taken by Government against such dealers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) and (b) Complaints alleging commission of malpractices of various types by some retails outlet dealers in the country are received from time to time by Government, by the oil marketing companies and by State Governments/Union Territory Administration as well; these were received during the last two years too. While statistical information relating to such complaints is not maintained as a matter of course in respect of the nearly 14,000 retail outlets in the country, the complaints range from allegations of rude behaviour, short-delivery to adulteration of product. After approprate enquiry by the oil company concerned action like letters of warning suspension of supplies and even termination of dealerships is taken under the Marketing Disciplines Guidelines of the oil industry. The State Governments/U.T. Administrations take action in terms of the relevant laws.

The cation taken against some retail outlets during the last two years by the oil marketing companies is as under:

Year	Warning issued (including explanation etc.)	Suspension of Supplies	Termination of dealership
1985	314	387	1
1986	221	305	1